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STEERING DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of this national phase application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 12, line 22: Change "BEST MODE FOR PRACTICING THE INVENTION" to
-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION --

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following new Abstract:

a' -- Energy absorbing steering devices may include an outer cylindrical member (OU) that is press-fitted around an inner shaft member (IN). The outer shape of the inner shaft member and the inner shape of the outer cylindrical member have a circular cross-section and the diameter of the inner shape of the outer cylinder member is larger than the diameter of the outer shape of the inner shaft member. A plurality of fine members (W) is disposed along the axial direction between the circular cross-sectional outer shape and the circular cross-sectional inner shape in